

the group consisting of:

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- (a) amino acids -26 through 194;
 - (b) amino acids 1 through 194;
 - (c) a polypeptide of subpart (a) or (b) wherein one or more cysteine residues is deleted or replaced by [another amino acid] alanine or serine and wherein said cysteine residues are selected from the group consisting of amino acid positions 1, 13, 72, 101, 126, 128, 133, 138, 146, 167 and 175 in Figure 2;
 - (d) a polypeptide of subpart (a) or (b) wherein one or more tyrosine residues is replaced by phenylalanine and wherein said tyrosine residues are selected from the group consisting of amino acid positions 36, 45, 64, 84, 122, 139 and 178 in Figure 2;
 - (e) a polypeptide of any of subparts (a), (b), (c) or (d), lacking residues -26 through -1, and having a methionyl residue at position -1.

42 48. (Amended) A procaryotic or eucaryotic host cell transformed [or transfected] with a DNA sequence according to claim ¹40 in a manner allowing the host cell to express said polypeptide product.

49. (Amended) A process for the production of a polypeptide selected [among] (according to the numbering as presented in Figure 2) from the group consisting of:

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 - (e) a polypeptide of any of subparts (a), (b), (c) or (d), lacking residues -26 through -1, and having a methionyl residue at position -1;

said process comprising:

growing, under suitable nutrient conditions, procaryotic or eucaryotic host cells transformed or transfected with a DNA according to claim 40, and isolating desired polypeptide products of the expression of DNA sequences in said vector.

50. (Amended) A DNA molecule according to Figure 2, which encodes a polypeptide selected [among] (according to the numbering as presented in Figure 2) from the group consisting of:

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